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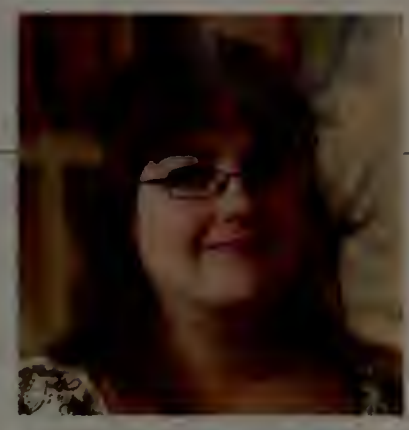

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Feature

Community College Graduates Making the Connection

Public and private colleges and universities recruit community college graduates

By Janice O'Connor

When Hedda Monaghan transferred last fall from Mount Wachusett Community College to the University of Massachusetts Amherst, she and other community college graduates were greeted with many new benefits, ranging from a 100% tuition waiver to priority registration.

The UMass Amherst Community College Connections program, established in fall 2011, gives graduates from all 15 community college campuses exclusive benefits to make it easier to transfer into and complete a bachelor's degree at the state's flagship public university.

The flagging economy, coupled with an increase in the cost of higher education, has brought an influx of students to community colleges to earn their general education requirements at a significant cost savings before transferring on for a bachelor's degree. As a result, public and private institutions are forging agreements with two-year schools, or strengthening existing transfer programs, to attract community college transfer students.

Sarah Adams

"We want students at community colleges across Massachusetts to envision a future at UMass Amherst, the state's flagship public university and one of the nation's premier research institutions," then-UMass Amherst Chancellor Robert C. Holub said when the program was announced last year.

Transfer students from state community colleges already have been an essential part of the university community, however the new program strengthens those successful ties. Currently, more than 550 community college graduates transfer to UMass Amherst each year.

The UMass Amherst Community College Connections program is for community college graduates pursuing admission through the existing Joint Admissions or Mass Transfer programs who complete their associate degree with a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 or higher. These students are guaranteed general admission to UMass Amherst, with applications processed before those of other transfer students.

These students are eligible for the following benefits:

- A 100 percent reduction of in-state tuition ($1,714) for students who graduate from a community college with a GPA of 3.0 or higher and meet other selected requirements
- Special scholarships

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Justine Thibeault

- Priority review of financial aid packages before those of other transfer students
- Housing advantages: UMass holds 50 spots in on-campus housing, as well as priority granted over all other transfer students for on-campus housing
- Priority advising and course registration in early June that allows for course registration before all other new students
- Special advising by college deans during the first year at UMass Amherst
- Summer orientation session tailored to community college graduates
- Transition seminars for transfers into the College of Engineering and the Isenberg School of Management during the first semester at UMass Amherst.

Monaghan, 21, grew up in Groton and has now completed her junior year at UMass Amherst, where she is majoring in Plant, Soil and Insect Sciences. Once she graduates in May 2013, she plans to pursue a master's degree in either entomology or library science, and then pursue a career in a science library or museum.

"I chose UMass because they had the degree I was interested in pursuing and also because of the ease of transferring in. The whole transfer process was very easy and I was very appreciative of that. All I really needed to do was maintain a good GPA, and I really liked how little paperwork was involved. I felt very welcomed. The orientation for community college transfer students was nice because everyone there was doing a similar thing that I was doing."

Monaghan, who was homeschooled, says she initially chose MWCC to save money on the total cost of her bachelor's degree. "It was mostly at first to save money, but I'm really glad that I got the community college experience. If I had gone straight from being homeschooled to UMass, I would have been really overwhelmed." Monaghan, who earned her degree in Liberal Arts, initially enrolled in college as a dual-enrolled student earning high school credits. While enrolled as a full-time student at MWCC, she joined the Commonwealth Honors Program as well as the student sustainability club, The Green Society.

"With the UMass Amherst Community College Connections program, our students receive priority status. They'll get top pick of the classes they need, and I think that's important," says MWCC Transfer and Academic Advisor Limari Rivera. "We have many students who go into the Isenberg School of Management, which is

a very prestigious program. That's always an incentive for our students."

Justine Thibeault of Ashburnham graduated from MWCC in 2011 with an associate degree in Business Administration, before transferring to the Isenberg School of Management, where she is majoring in Operations Management. The advising and encouragement she received while at MWCC helped her determine the best transfer option for her bachelor's degree, she says.

"MWCC's transfer services helped me get right into UMass. It almost seemed too easy. MWCC made the process a breeze, because they knew exactly what had to be in place and when. I am very thankful for all the support I received from MWCC; otherwise, I honestly would not be graduating from Isenberg next semester."

Sarah Adams of Orange, a 2012 graduate of MWCC, will transfer to UMass Amherst this fall under the new Community College Connections program. Adams, who earned her associate degree in art, joined the Commonwealth Honors Program, the Phi Theta Kappa honor society and served as president of the Art Club while at MWCC. Through her involvement with the Visions

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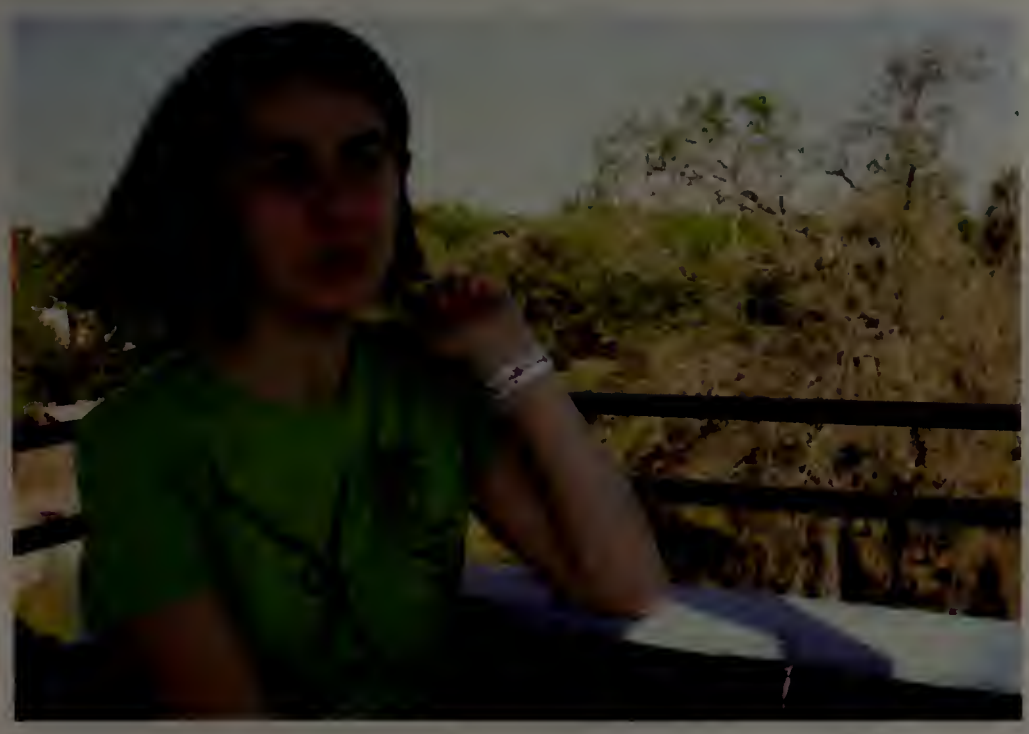

Hedda Monaghan

Danette Krushel

program at MWCC, a TRIO Student Support Services program, she was able to tap into scholarships and grants to nearly fully fund her associate degree.

"I'm extremely excited to transfer to UMass," says Adams, who will continue to study art and marketing at the university and plans to live in an on-campus dormitory.

UMass Amherst's history of creating innovative transfer options, such as Joint Admissions, spans decades. The new Community College Connections program was instituted as a campus-wide endeavor at the urging of Chancellor Holub to further enhance the university's long-term commitment to these students, says Stephanie Chapko, Senior Associate Director of Admissions at the university.

"It goes beyond admission and transfer credits. This is a university-wide effort and is a step beyond MassTransfer. Admissions, enrollment, financial aid, housing, academics – all of these offices are supporting these efforts to successfully transition community college students into a university environment. And that's what's so unique about the UMass Amherst Community College Connection program."

"Students love it. They love coming to UMass and finding other students just like them. Not only are they with other transfer students, but they're with students with similar experiences. It makes for a great transition."

Private options

Many private colleges and universities are also rolling out the red carpet for community college graduates. While students have opportunities to transfer to any college or university of their choice, specific agreements with a number of institutions ensure a seamless transfer. Each year, MWCC forges new agreements with additional colleges and universities, including popular 3 +1 programs that enable students to remain at MWCC, at MWCC prices, for their third year of study before transferring for their final year for their bachelor's degree.

"Private schools are really reaching out to our students with transfer opportunities," says Rivera.

Many prestigious colleges have long offered generous financial packages and transfer programs for community college graduates. Smith College, Amherst College, and Mount Holyoke College are among the institutions that encourage honors students to transfer through unique programs.

Mount Holyoke, for instance, welcomes eligible women age 24 and above to pursue their bachelor's degrees through the Frances Perkins Program. At Amherst, high-achieving community college students can

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Justine Thibeault

receive exceptional academic and scholarship options through the college's partnership with the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation.

At Smith, the Ada Comstock Scholars Program enables women age 24 and above to complete a bachelor's degree either part time or full time. The program combines rigorous studies with flexibility by providing reduced course loads, special academic advising, career counseling, diverse housing options and financial aid for those with demonstrated need.

Mount Wachusett student Danette Krushel of Phillipston is headed to Smith this fall as an Ada Comstock scholar. Having previously earned a degree from MWCC in Business Administration in 2001, she recently decided to pursue a new career in health care. In 2010, she enrolled in the college's General Studies Allied Health program with the thought of applying to the nursing program. However, after furthering exploring different fields, she has set her sights on a career as a physical therapist. She'll transfer to Smith to pursue a bachelor's degree in Neuroscience, then ultimately transfer to an institution that offers a Doctor of Physical Therapy degree.

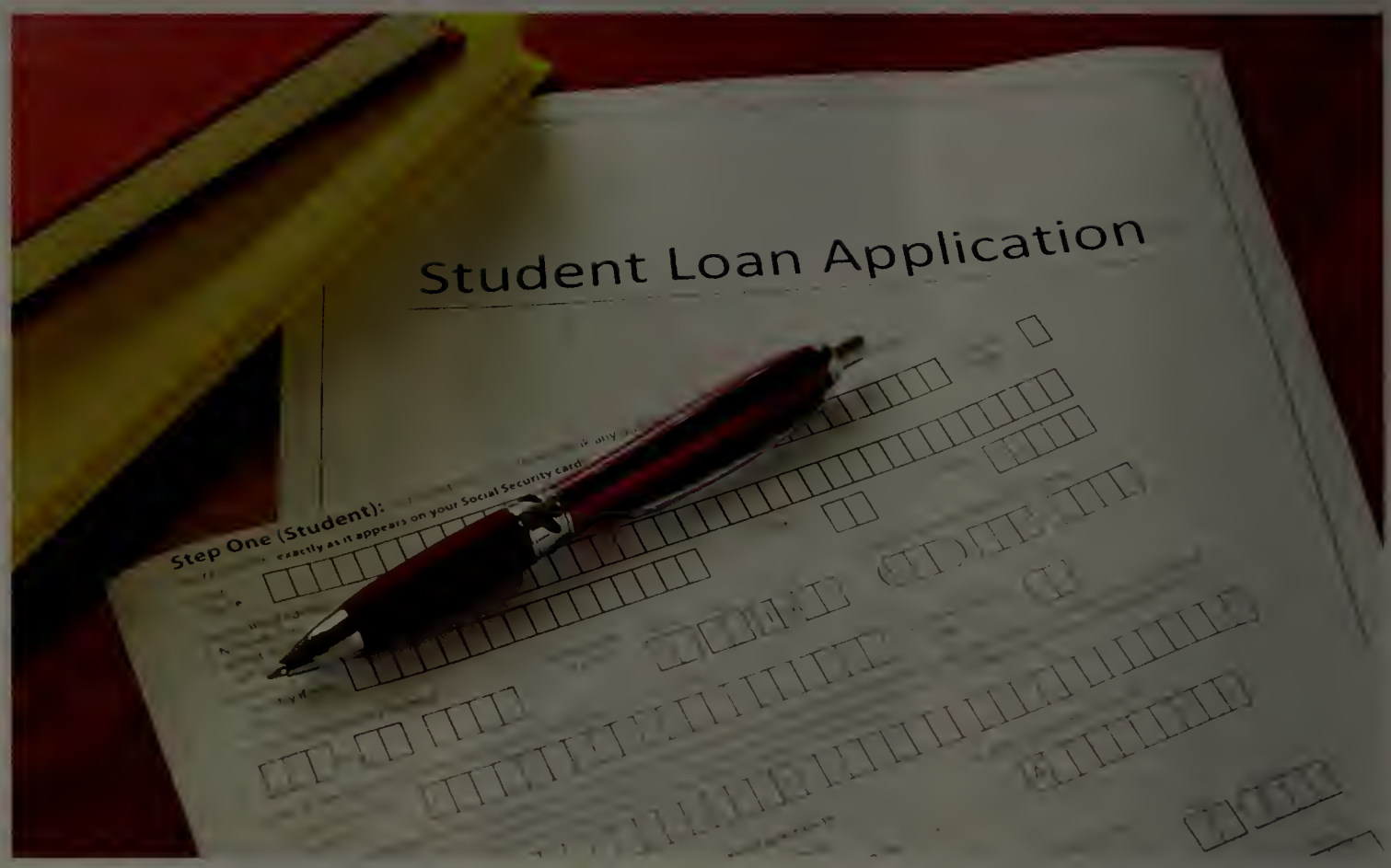
"The Mount does a great job preparing us to go on to bigger things."

For more information on MWCC transfer options, contact Transfer and Academic Advisor Limari Rivera at 978-630-9197 or limari_rivera@mwcc.mass.edu.

Feature

Last Minute Financial Aid Tips

It's not too late to apply for financial aid



At Mount Wachusett Community College, we believe that going to college should be a destination that everyone can reach. We also know that not everyone has the money to get there. Although the ideal timeframe to apply for financial aid is prior to May 1 for fall enrollment, there are some financial aid programs that are available that do not have firm deadlines. If you have decided to attend college this fall, but did not start the financial aid process during the spring, here are some last minute tips to show you how you can still apply.

When to apply

Now is the time to apply. File as soon as you can, even if you are unsure about your college plans. Meeting financial aid deadlines is important, however, even if you have missed a deadline, you should still apply as soon as you decide to attend college.

What is financial aid?

Financial aid is money provided by federal, state and college sources to help students pay their educational expenses while attending college. Many students find it increasingly difficult to finance a college education without some assistance. In general, all U.S. citizens and eligible non-citizens who are enrolled in an approved degree or certificate program are eligible to receive some type of financial assistance.

How do I apply for financial aid to attend MWCC?

- All new MWCC students must be admitted to an eligible degree or certificate program. It is recommended that you apply for admission to MWCC and for financial aid at the same time.
- Obtain a PIN, an electronic access code number that serves as an identifier at www.pin.ed.gov. This is an electronic access code number that serves as your identifier and electronic signature.

If you have decided to attend college this fall, but did not start the financial aid process during the spring, here are some last minute tips to show you how you can still apply.

- Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online at www.fafsa.ed.gov. Make sure that MWCC (school code 002172) is listed as one of your choices.
- IRS Data Retrieval Tool: The U.S. Department of Education has recently enhanced the FAFSA filing process to allow students and their parents to retrieve tax data from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). This enables applicants to upload their filed 2011 federal tax return data directly to the FAFSA. We strongly encourage the use of this tool during the initial filing or when submitting corrections to the 2012-2013 FAFSA.
- Certain applications are randomly selected for a verification process. Students will be notified via email if follow-up documentation is required.
- Once all requested documents are received and processed, an award notification is sent via email and may also be viewed online via MWCC's iConnect portal.

Activate your MWCC student email account!

The Financial Aid Office will send most correspondence to your MWCC student email account. It is important that you activate your account and check it regulary to ensure that you are receiving all important notifications. Once you are accepted to the college, you will have a student ID assigned that will allow you to set up your account.

I'm not sure I qualify for financial aid. Should I complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)?

Yes, the best way to determine what funds you qualify for is by completing an application. It doesn't cost anything to apply. Financial aid removes financial barriers for families who cannot afford the cost of an education, and also provides needed funds for families who can afford only a portion of college costs. Your financial eligibility will be determined by a number of factors including family income, the size of your family and number of family members attending college.

Monthly payment option

An interest-free monthly payment plan is available for new and continuing students. For more information, call the student accounts office at 978-630-9149 or email bursar@mwcc.mass.edu

Financial Literacy Programs

MWCC preparing students for personal money management

By Kelly Morrissey

Paying for college is one of life's major investments. At a time when students are preparing to finance the cost of their higher education, many of them are unprepared to make such an important financial decision. Nationally, student loan debt is on the rise, and graduates are faced with significant monthly loan payments while launching their new careers. Due to all of these factors, Mount Wachusett Community College has recognized the importance of providing our students with additional financial literacy resources to enable them to handle their personal finances better. Our goal is to give them the tools they need to stay on track financially while in college and to prepare them to manage their finances after graduating.

The Financial Aid Office has always focused on providing students with assistance to help pay for educational expenses. However, there is a growing recognition that colleges need to offer more well-rounded support of students' overall financial needs. Economic challenges are a common barrier for many students to be able to enroll in college or remain through graduation. When students and families have a better understanding of personal money management they have an increased ability to create a financial plan to get to college, and stay in college.

Made possible by funding through the Carl D. Perkins Career & Technical Education Grant, a financial literacy counselor has been hired to work with students in the Advising Center. This counselor offers support to students who are seeking additional resources when they experience financial difficulties. Additionally, there is assistance offered to students to help them navigate through the entire financial aid and billing process.

The college has also established partnerships with local business experts to help educate students on campus. Through the college's ongoing relationship with GFA Federal Credit Union and Rollstone Bank & Trust, local community educators provide workshops and other vital tools to participants. Last year, the GFA Institute for Financial Literacy was established at MWCC, while this past semester Rollstone Bank & Trust offered a series of three presentations to student groups about budgeting, credit scores, credit cards, and car loans.

MWCC will unveil the Buttonwood program during the fall 2012 semester. Sponsored by Higher One, this service is an interactive and highly customized online program that is comprised of seven modules that teach about credit cards, consumer fraud, insurance, taxes, investing, and managing student loans. This content is delivered through an interactive gaming simulation called Buttonwood Life. Through an online interface, students are able to input variables such as age, savings goals, and career choices and students gain or lose points based on their responses in college campus scenarios. This initiative will first be offered as a pilot project before it is rolled out to the entire college community.

"Buttonwood provides students with a clear picture of their current and future financial situations. This new MWCC financial literacy tool is a wonderful product to educate students to make informed financial decisions."

Ryan Forsythe,
Associate Vice President of Enrollment Management and Student Financial Aid, MWCC

Consumer Financial Protection Bureau Director Richard Cordray recently reported to a presidential advisory committee that the federal government is "deeply committed to a vision of an America where everyone is financially educated. We must start where all good education starts, with our children." Efforts to teach personal finance, managing household budgets, and making informed decisions about larger investments in education or home are now beginning as early as kindergarten. Mount Wachusett Community College is pleased to support this important mission by promoting financial literacy on campus.

Feature

There's Still Time to Enroll!

Get on the fast track to enrollment

Want to attend Mount Wachusett Community College? It's not too late! Just follow this step-by-step list that explains what to do.

1 Complete the Admission Application

Complete an Admission Application at mwcc.edu/apply. Questions about applying can be made to the Office of Admissions at 978-630-9110 or admissions@mwcc.edu

2 Submit Supporting Documents

Call your old high school and/or colleges. Have them send your transcripts to Mount Wachusett Community College, Office of Admissions, 444 Green Street, Gardner, MA 01440.

3 Apply for Financial Aid

It's not too late to apply for financial aid either, but don't wait too long. The first step to receiving financial aid to help you pay for school is to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at www.fafsa.ed.gov. This sounds scary, but it's not! Financial assistance is available.

4 New Student Welcome and College Placement Test

Once you are admitted to The Mount, you will attend a New Student Welcome Session. At this event, you will receive important information about enrolling and completing your college placement test. Reservations for New Student Welcome Sessions can be made by calling the Testing Center at 978-630-9244.

5 Academic Advising

You will have lots of support in choosing your classes and planning your future. To find out when you can meet with your academic advisor, contact the Advising Center at 978-630-9109.

6 Attend Orientation

Orientation takes place shortly before you start your first term. Here you will learn a lot of information that will assist you in your first term on campus.

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7 Ask Questions!

We're here to help you reach your academic goals! You can do this...and it's not too late! Questions about enrolling at The Mount can be made through the MWCC Office of Admissions at 978-630-9110 or admissions@mwcc.edu.

Fall Semester Begins September 5
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Social Media 101

By Sarah McMaster

These days it's harder to find someone who doesn't use some form of social media than it is to find someone who does. We live our lives online, connecting with friends, family, and old high school buddies. But, there is a whole other side to using social media that many otherwise savvy Internet surfers overlook: your professional career and network.

Facebook and Twitter aren't just for baby pictures and weekend plans. Your business connections and other professional connections, like MWCC, are using social media, too. Connecting with those resources is smart, progressive, and will give you the inside track to success through better (think real-time) access to information, events, and fun stuff, too.

Mount Wachusett Community College uses Facebook to connect with our students and community. We ask poll questions, respond to comments and questions from students and parents, post interesting news stories, and share photos and videos of student club events and other entertaining clips. This is a primary source for what's going on not only at the Gardner campus, but also at the Devens and Leominster campuses, at the Fitness & Wellness Center, or in the Alumni Association, to name a few of our many pages.

Twitter is another great social media site that the college uses to connect with our friends and to keep our ear to the ground on what's happening in education, the region, and around the world. Follow our updates to get links to news and "retweets" of valuable info from other sources too.

Getting ready to update your resume or, better yet, to graduate? The *must-join* social media site for you is LinkedIn. MWCC has a "company" page where you can keep up to date on staff and faculty, as well as build your professional network through alumni, current students, and people connected to The Mount in many ways.

Did you know that YouTube is the second-most used search engine? Well, we did and we made sure to have a presence there so we can easily share our videos with you. Like the old saying goes, "A picture is worth a thousand words," so we take it a step further and say a video must be worth at least ten thousand more! Check out our YouTube page for fun videos of student activities like our Dance Crew practices, or for video coverage of important events like the dedication ceremony for our two wind turbines in April 2011.

Facebook and Twitter aren't just for baby pictures and weekend plans. Your business connections and other professional connections, like MWCC, are using social media, too.

With all these social media sites available on the Internet, it can be easy to become overwhelmed and miss some great information. We at the college understand this and so we've developed a way to get you straight to the info you need, when and where you need it! To do this, we use QR codes, those funny black-and-white square barcodes you see in magazines and on billboards. You will start to see these codes around campus for you to scan with your smartphone and be instantly directed to specific information. See a QR code by Financial Aid? Scan it and get FinAid answers fast!

At MWCC, we make it a priority to stay connected to our students and community. Connect with us online and let us know how we're doing!

Scan and learn more about MWCC.

Connect with MWCC on social media and get the inside track to academic success through your smartphone or computer!

Feature

Making the Grade with MWCC's Visions and Rx Programs

By Hannah Adams

Sarah Adams, recipient of the 2012 Visions Program President's Award and Andres Figueroa, recipient of the 2012 Visions Award, with Gaurav Khanna, Director of TRIO Student Support Service Programs at MWCC.

College students are making major changes in their lives all the time. Whether it's coming to school for the first time or returning after starting a career or family, college is a big step. Mount Wachusett Community College has numerous support services available that help students remain on course through graduation.

TRIO Student Support Services, a federal program developed in 1965 to help disadvantaged students obtain a college degree, has grown from three to seven sister programs funded by the U.S. Department of Education. Through these federal grants, MWCC operates the Visions and Rx Programs, which support first generation students from families where neither parent has a bachelor's degree, students from limited-income backgrounds, and students with disabilities. The programs are designed to help students persist through graduation at MWCC and to transfer to four-year schools.

Through these programs, academic advising, tutoring, transfer counseling and skill-building seminars in a variety of topics, from financial planning to time management, are provided to hundreds of MWCC students. Gaurav Khanna, Director of TRIO Student Support Service Programs at MWCC, believes that students at The Mount are always within reach of a helping hand. "We try to build a strong foundation for students the moment they enter MWCC and guide them to graduate or transfer," he says. Students are able to develop college skills from the beginning, and the building of a tighter knit community within the college provides a strong support system.

"Higher education changes people, it opens your eyes and you examine things that you might have taken for granted," he says. "In a time where higher education has never been more important to building a future, in some ways the economic and social obstacles have never been greater. We are constantly impressed with the effort our students put in, despite the obstacles they may face, whether they be childcare, financial difficulties, living situation, jobs, or math, to name a few."

Visions Program

Visions is now entering its 34th year serving eligible students enrolled in any major at MWCC. The program provides a variety of services to 200 students each year, including academic advising; personal, career, and transfer counseling; tutoring; seminars; a summer bridge program; financial aid advising and workshops; financial and economic literacy education; a faculty and peer mentoring program; and supplemental courses.

"The program, staff and fellow students are absolutely amazing," says Sarah Adams of Orange, an art major who graduated in 2012 with honors and is transferring to UMass Amherst this fall. "I can honestly say that I would not be where I am right now in my college career and in my life if not for the Visions Program. From the financial help with scholarships that are awarded, to the staff's eagerness to help each and every student, to the great events that help make us a small community within the college, the Visions Program has it all. The moral support and feeling of acceptance and motivation that the program, students, and especially the staff have given me helped me break out of my shell of being shy and insecure and helped me grow to be outgoing, optimistic and motivated."

Adams, who will continue her studies in fine arts and marketing, earned her associate degree for an astounding $120 through scholarships and Pell grants. Though an extraordinary achievement in this economy, her experience demonstrates that hard work, perseverance and guidance can help students discover resources they otherwise might not know exist.

"I definitely would recommend the Visions Program to incoming students, either traditional-age or non-traditional," says Adams, a member of the Commonwealth Honors Program, the Phi Theta Kappa honor society and past president of the Art Club. "It was

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Gaurav Khanna, Director of TRIO Student Support Service Programs at MWCC

"The program offers support for everything I've run up against, even if only to lend an ear."

Sheila Beane, General Studies Allied Health student

Sheila Beane

definitely an experience that has changed my life for the better and it can most certainly change the lives of others."

Andres Figueroa of Leominster, another Visions Program participant who is pursuing a Physical Therapist Assistant degree, agrees. "The experience with the program has been amazing. The environment itself has a positive atmosphere that made me feel comfortable. I highly recommend students to participate. Having a support system makes campus life easier and the college experience more enjoyable."

Sheri West

Rx Program

To expand its student services, MWCC established a new TRIO program – the Rx Program – in 2010 to serve 120 students annually who are majoring in health sciences programs. Participants receive the same support that comes with the Visions Program. The Rx Program is available to eligible students enrolled in the college's Nursing, Practical Nursing, Dental Hygiene, Physical Therapist Assistant, Complementary Health Care, Medical Assisting, and General Studies Allied Health programs. An additional service that the Rx Program offers is help preparing for the TEAS and NCLEX licensure tests.

Like many students, Sheila Beane of Winchendon, a General Studies Allied Health major, is balancing school and studying, children and home, and life in general. "School can be very challenging. The program offers support for everything I've run up against, even if only to lend an ear." From her experience at MWCC, Beane is interested in enrolling in the Physical Therapist Assistant program and then work with veterans.

The Rx Program gives students assurance that there are always mentors and peers in their corner. "Even if a student doesn't require academic assistance, the counselors can help with all kinds of questions about the college process," says Sheri West of Petersham, who graduated this spring with a degree in nursing. "Being part of the Rx Program gave me the extra support that I needed to be successful."

The Visions and Rx Programs are now recruiting new members for the fall semester. Eligible students are encouraged to contact the TRIO Student Support Services office at 978-630-9297 or find information online at mwcc.edu/triosss to learn how to join.

Alumni Spotlight

Fulfilling Her Vision

MWCC Alumna Carolynn Howell

Carolynn Howell

A glimmer of hope, a dream for her future, the courage to try. These three things led Carolynn Howell to leave her fears behind and embark on a life-changing journey that began at Mount Wachusett Community College, led to prestigious Amherst College, and is continuing still as a graduate student at Boston University.

A 2008 alumna who earned her associate degree in Human Services and graduated with highest honors, Howell discovered her own strength and a path to success through MWCC's Visions Program.

During a recent visit to MWCC, Howell shared her story with current Visions Program students:

"I grew up in profound poverty and I ended up in the foster care system in Vermont. I had five foster homes in three years, punctuated by periods of homelessness. I didn't have the family support to encourage me to pursue college, let alone financial support for such a move.

I knew that I wanted a career that is consistent with my personal values. I wanted to do something that I would find meaningful. I had dreams of helping others and becoming a psychotherapist. However, I knew that I would need many years of education in order to accomplish these goals. When I thought about going to college, I could see only barriers and it seemed so risky.

I knew that if I started college, I would need to throw everything I had at it. I knew I would have to work harder than I had ever worked before and that I could not allow myself to fail. I knew that if I was going to be successful at The Mount, I would need support. I eagerly signed up for the Visions Program to help me with the process.

The Visions staff encouraged me to set my goals high and to not let fear hold me back. They understood my concerns about affording college and encouraged me to apply to colleges offering generous financial aid. It never would have occurred to me to apply to a college like Amherst College for my bachelor's degree. It seemed way beyond my reach. In fact, I knew that it could be a life-changing experience for me but I was afraid to want it. However, I now believe that it is better to try and fail than to not try and always be plagued with the what-ifs.

When I was accepted to Amherst College, I felt like I had won the lottery. In a few years, I had gone from living out of my car to transferring to Amherst College. I finally had the opportunity to change the entire trajectory of my life. As a result, my outlook changed. I could see myself being successful and being a leader in my field. I was no longer afraid to set lofty goals.

The Mount is a great institution that can open doors for you. This is a place where you can become the best version of yourself, the person you always knew you could be if given the chance. Never let anyone tell you that you cannot achieve your goals, not even yourself. Never let your own fears or self-doubt prevent you from overcoming your obstacles to success."

Feature

Time Management for New College Students

By Sarah McMaster

Making the transition into college can be tough whether you are a recent high school graduate or a career changer looking to update your skills. Being a college student gives you a flexible schedule and many projects, assignments, and deadlines to keep track of from week to week. Getting started with a strong foundation of time management skills now will help you succeed as a student and in your career.

Find the Right Tools for You

Just like an auto mechanic, you need the right tools in the toolbox to do the job. For managing your time though, the tools are a little different. You can use computer software like Microsoft Outlook, a Google calendar, a hard-copy day planner, or the calendar in your smartphone. Which tool you pick depends on what will work best for you. Once you find the right tool or set of time management tools, you can start to use these tips and guidelines to become a time management pro.

Get serious! If you have a full course load and assignments and projects to complete, use project management techniques. Take your projects seriously and plan ahead. Set milestones along the way to completion that you can use to measure your progress and give you positive feedback as you reach each milestone. Know who else you need on board to complete your project and make sure you are in communication with them. You can even use project management software if that will help you organize your tasks. But don't get caught up spending too much time learning a new project management software. If a sophisticated "solution" takes too long, just use a pen and paper!

Preparation and Timeliness Are Your Best Friends

Just got out of class with a list of upcoming assignments and a syllabus of the readings for class time? Take five minutes now to enter those deadlines into your day planner, calendar, or phone. Writing them down now will allow you to "let them go" from your mind temporarily so you can concentrate on today's priorities. Did the professor give you a small task like a website to review or a book to check out of the library? Do it now. Don't let small, easily accomplished tasks build up until they are an unmanageable list. Be like Nike and *just do it*. Not only will you keep from getting behind on tasks, but you will feel good about checking them off your to-do list.

Do you have tasks that will be coming up soon but aren't on the to-do list for today? Work smarter, not harder. Spending time getting organized and planning your project is NOT a waste of time. Get in the habit of creating to-do lists, either on paper, in your day planner, or online. Group your tasks into three categories:

1. Must get done today
2. Should get done today
3. Would be nice to get done today

Start with the *must-do's* and work your way through the categories. Anything that doesn't get done today stays on the list and probably moves up a category for tomorrow. Set reminders a week ahead of important deadlines, and then repeat those reminders again one or two days before. This way you'll never be caught unprepared.

A big part of time management is being able to create the right environment for efficiency. When you schedule dedicated time into your day for a specific task, it helps to create that efficiency environment. Set aside another time for emails and phone calls and then turn off the ringer and let your screen saver run. Shut your door or find a quiet corner of the library where you won't be disturbed. Silence your cell phone and sign off from social media sites or instant messenger programs. Turn on your favorite music, or make sure your area is quiet – whichever works for you. Prepare a healthy snack to give you energy and then get those tasks underway.

Prioritize Competing Obligations

We all have many things we need to accomplish in any given day, from class assignments to family obligations. Balancing life, work, and home can be difficult for even the most seasoned time management pro. Knowing what your priorities are and the consequences (both good and bad) associated with all your obligations will help you stay on track. The trick is to stick to your priorities rather than reacting to situations as they arise.

There are some questions you can ask yourself that will also help you prioritize all your projects and obligations:

- Which deadline has more critical implications?
- Can I delegate this to a friend, colleague, or family member?
- Can I combine two tasks and tackle them together? If you have a paper to write and an errand to run, combine. Run your errand and end at the library where you can write your paper.

Sometimes the simplest things can really go a long way. For example, using a color code system is a trick that works for many people. Whether it's different color file folders, post-it notes, or pen inks, having a simple visual cue like color-coding can help you prioritize. If you use this trick, when you scan through your day planner and see that you have five items in red pen, meaning highest priority, and your friend asks if you can meet for lunch, you'll know at a glance that today is a busy day and lunch will have to wait.

We all get maxed out at some point or another. Maybe it's too many obligations on our time or too many deadlines all in the same week. Time management can help! Part of managing your time effectively is knowing when to say no. It sounds simple, but saying no to new projects, social events, or other things that could take up time can help us stay focused on priorities and avoid that overwhelmed feeling that can keep us from getting anything done at all.

Multi-tasking has often been cited as a way to be more effective, but is it really a solution? For some people multitasking is a good option to get many things done in one sitting. But for many others, multi-tasking just ends up with many tasks started and none completed. Take the time to figure out whether you multi-task effectively or not and be OK with the outcome. Not every technique out there is the right fit for everyone. There is nothing wrong with concentrating solely on one project or task at a time and working diligently toward your goals.

Develop and Utilize Your Network

The best "time managers" know when to leverage their network. Part of getting things done efficiently is knowing when you need help and getting it. With professional networks like LinkedIn and technology like instant messages and texts, we can call upon our colleagues and peers in a minute's notice with requests for assistance. Can friends help with other tasks so you can stay on target? Enlist a close friend to bake those cupcakes for your child's soccer game or pick up your dry cleaning when you have a deadline crunch. It's OK to rely on your network when you need help.

Set Yourself Up For Success

Arguably, the most important part of better time management is making it part of your daily routine. To make it a habit, make a pledge to yourself to stick to it for one month. Just 30 days of using some of these time management techniques will cement it into your daily routine, help it become a new habit, and give you a set of time management tools in your "new student toolbox" that will help you achieve your goals.

Lastly, reward yourself! When you've done a good job, have a clear priority plan in place, and checked off many to-dos, take a break. Go outside for a walk, pet your cat, or call your friend for a chat. Do something that you enjoy. But then, get back to work!

Facts AND Finds

Top 10 Reasons
to attend Mount Wachusett Community College:

1. **Faculty Who Care.** With an excellent student/teacher ratio, you'll get more one-on-one time with your instructors. Our faculty know you by name, prepare you for life after graduation, and always care about your success.
2. **Student Life and Leadership.** The Student Life office provides quality programming. Through involvement in clubs and organizations, you can develop your leadership abilities, make new friends, and gain awareness of your community.
3. **Hands-on Experience.** At MWCC, you have opportunities to get out of the books and into hands-on job preparation skills.
4. **Career Placement.** MWCC graduates are employable and employers are satisfied with graduates they supervise.
5. **Transfer Credits.** MWCC has transfer agreements with many public and private four-year colleges and universities so you can continue your college career if you choose.
6. **Choices.** At MWCC, you can choose from more than 45 different career options so you're sure to find your passion.
7. **Affordable.** At $190 per credit, you'll save money without sacrificing quality academics.
8. **Convenience.** Classes are offered days, evenings, and online in a variety of formats to best meet your schedule.
9. **Support.** At MWCC, you have a support system to ensure your success.
10. **Location.** MWCC is close to home so you can juggle work and family responsibilities with your education.

Beyond MWCC's Classroom

Fitness & Wellness Center:

Along with educational courses, Mount Wachusett Community College houses the largest fitness center in the region – the Fitness & Wellness Center – which strives to provide opportunities to achieve a healthy lifestyle. The 60,000 square foot facility includes a six-lane, Olympic sized swimming pool; over 40 fitness programs; nursery; summer sports camps; three full-size, indoor basketball courts; outdoor tennis and basketball courts; a 200-meter outdoor track; men's and women's locker rooms; two regulation racquetball courts; and state-of-the-art weight training and cardiovascular equipment. Cardiac equipment includes Stairmasters, lifecycles, treadmills, bikes, elliptical trainers, a rowing machine, arc trainers and versa climbers.

Contemporary fitness and wellness clubs are more comprehensive than the gyms of the past. Gone are the days of the one-size-fits-all weight rooms and the high impact aerobics classes with leg warmers. Today's fitness centers cater to diverse populations with specific needs. Programming includes personalized nutrition classes, body

composition testing and weight training, massage therapy, personal training, and yoga. Programs are available for people of all ages and abilities.

The center's group exercise program is free to members and offers more than 50 classes a week led by certified trainers.

The Fitness & Wellness Center is open Monday through Friday from 5 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. MWCC students who wish to join the Fitness & Wellness Center receive a large discounted membership price per semester. To become a member or for more information, call 978-630-9212 or visit mwcc.edu/fitness.

Clubs and Organizations:

There is more to a school than just classes; clubs and activities also play an important part. Mount Wachusett Community College offers many opportunities for you to find something you're good at and enjoy! You'll also gain experience from getting involved and meeting new people.

Curriculum Clubs:

Anatomy & Physiology and Human Biology Club
Art Club
Computer Graphic Design Club
Dental Hygienist Club
Early Childhood Education Club
English as Second Language Club
The Green Society
Human Service Club
Legal Studies Group
Marketing Club
Math and Our Community Club
Medical Assisting and Medical Office Club
Student Nurses Association

Service Organizations:

Campus Activities Team for Students (CATS)
iPublications (Student Web Literary Magazine)
Mount Observer (Student Newspaper)
Student Government Association

Interest and Social Clubs:

Active Minds Club
ALANA Club
Campus 4 Christ Club
Dance Crew
International Club
Non-Traditional Student Association
Otaku United
PRIDE (People Rising In Defense of Everyone)
Theatre Club
Veterans Group

Honor Societies:

Alpha Beta Gamma
Phi Theta Kappa

Feature

Workforce Training and Development

by Kristine Carlson Asselin

Think most classes at Mount Wachusett Community College happen during the day on the main campus in Gardner? You might be surprised to know that in 2011, the Division of Lifelong Learning and Workforce Development at MWCC enrolled almost 6,000 people in a huge variety of courses—and many of those individuals took their classes either online, at night, or somewhere other than Green Street. Some of those classes happened at one of our two satellite campuses (Devens or Leominster), while others occurred onsite at corporate clients' training spaces.

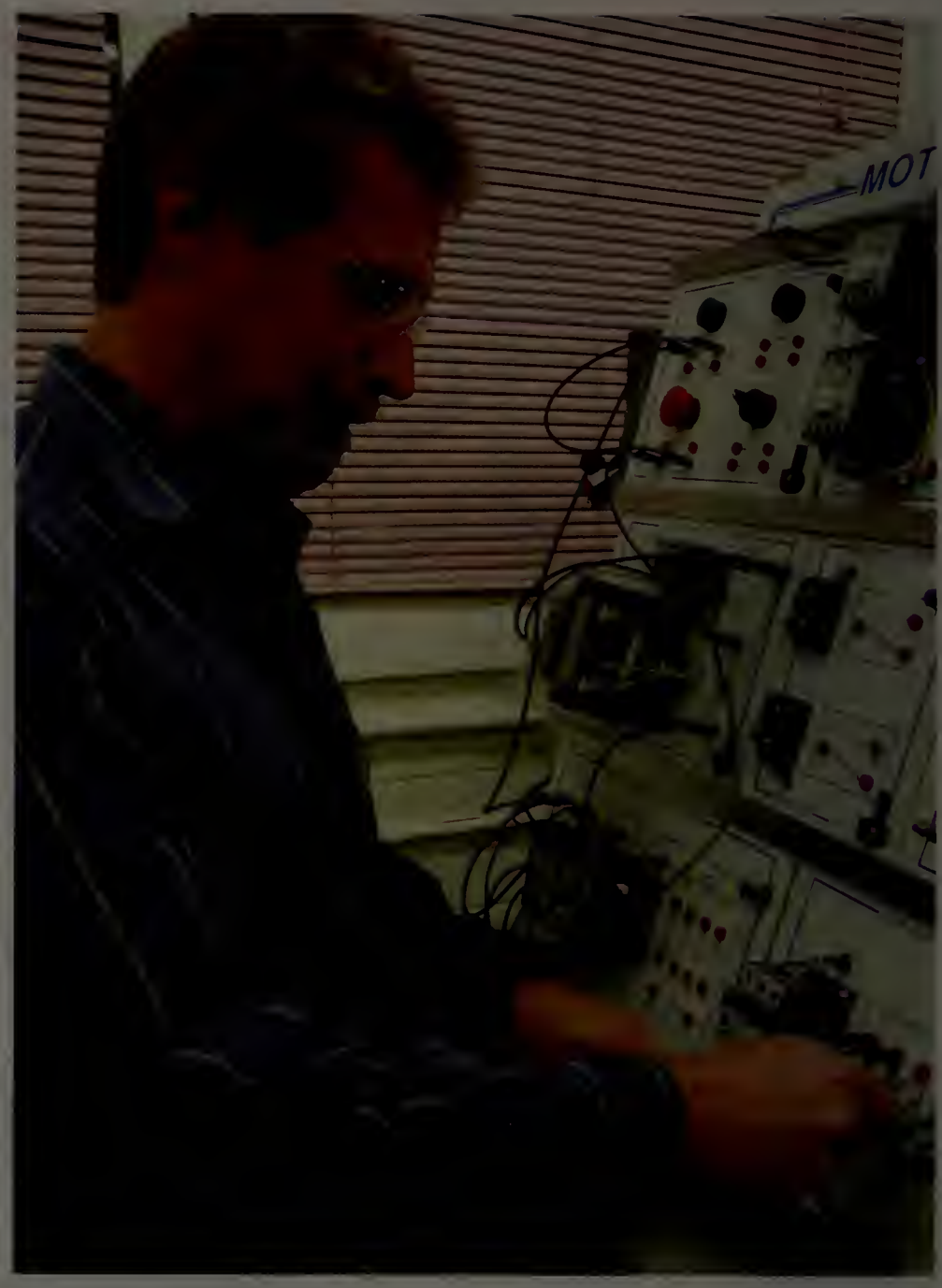
The Division of Lifelong Learning and Workforce Development combines a wealth of distinct educational opportunities under one umbrella, including: corporate and skill-building training (both grant based and contract based); noncredit courses; personal interest workshops; online and hybrid courses; evening classes for college credit; GED preparation; Adult Basic Education (ABE); customized workforce training; kids summer programs; and more. Encompassing over 100 staff members, the division is led by Vice President Jacqueline Feldman and includes adjunct faculty, administrators, and support staff.

The Division partners with the local chambers of commerce in the region, the North Central Massachusetts Workforce Investment Board, the North Central Career Center, and other organizations to provide the most all-inclusive training options to the area, including entrepreneurship classes for individuals looking to start their own business.

Workforce Development

Under the heading of workforce development, the department collaborates with local businesses in North Central Massachusetts. As a one-stop-shop for grant writing, corporate and workforce training, and online classes, the staff responsible for Workforce Development is constantly in motion. According to Jeremiah Riordon, Associate Vice President of Lifelong Learning and Workforce Development, "In 2011, we delivered over 500 contact hours of training, successfully partnered with 27 businesses and brought over $250,000 to the region in state funded workforce training grants."

After collaborating on a successful grant application, the workforce development team works with clients to customize the most effective training program for that company and its staff. In addition, the team maintains that relationship for the life of the grant, including arranging instructors, ordering text books, processing grant paperwork and required documentation, and delivery of instruction.



Companies don't have to be eligible for training grants in order to partner with Workforce Development at MWCC. Some of the most successful training programs are arranged by simple contract. Because the mission of the college is, in part, to "stimulate civic, workforce, and economic vitality," the costs of training programs are affordably priced for businesses of every size and scope.

Michael Coutu, Financial Controller for Catania-Spagna Corporation in Ayer, says of working with the Workforce Development team, "When we decided to go with a new software platform, I knew a significant amount of training would be involved. That's where Mount Wachusett Community College came in. They helped us understand what it takes to get the grant and helped us write the proposal."

In addition to Catania-Spagna, recent partners include GFA Federal Credit Union in Gardner; Nypro in Clinton; Trelleborg in Northborough, and more. The workforce development team has recently opened the North Quabbin Entrepreneurial Center in Athol in partnership with the town of Athol and its Community Development Block Grant program. The team also partnered with the Department of Corrections to educate inmates preparing to reenter the workforce. In addition, the popular Summer Business Luncheon Series is back in 2012 with a focus on social media marketing for businesses.

The most frequently requested training programs include Process Improvement courses such as Lean Manufacturing, Lean Transformation, and Six Sigma; Supervisory, Business Communications, and Management

Certificates; and Computer Skills training on Microsoft Office. However, the Division of Lifelong Learning and Workforce Development has connections with dozens of trainers all over the state and can deliver almost any training in any industry. Unusual trainings have included such diverse programs as welding, forklift driving, energy management, and memory skills. Training can be delivered onsite at any of Mount Wachusett Community College's three campuses, or onsite in a company training facility.

Companies interested in getting more information about training programs or finding out about assistance with grant writing, may contact Karen Doherty, Workforce Training Specialist, at 978-630-9575.

"Change can be very difficult for people in general; but through these trainings, our employees have learned to embrace change with less resistance, how to partner with their department and throughout the entire company to improve processes, as well as how to communicate change to our members."

Sharon Henrickson, Employee Relations Officer at GFA

Continuing Education

'Continuing Education' has typically been used by college campuses as a term to describe older students coming back to education for the first time in many years. The Division of Lifelong Learning and Workforce Development takes that traditional definition and stretches it to include noncredit courses for current students and the community, summer programs for kids, certification courses for small business owners, as well as personal interest courses, including computer skills, photography, cooking, creative writing, music (ukulele is especially popular recently!), home improvement and more. Also offered are skill-building courses such as business writing, HTML coding, babysitting, lifeguard licensure, SAT preparation for high school students, ServSafe certification and many, many more.

Continuing Education includes credit and noncredit courses conveniently scheduled to service students in all stages of their education. Students of all ages can benefit from workshops or classes not attached to credit. These types of sessions allow the student to get a flavor of a topic without investing a lot of money, without affecting a GPA, or just because he or she has an interest separate from their field of study. For more information about the options for current noncredit offerings, go to mwcc.edu to access the Non Credit Course Bulletin. The staff takes recommendations for future courses as well. Contact Denise Whitney at 978-630-9124 if you have suggestions.

The Division of Lifelong Learning and Workforce Development will continue the tradition of offering an incredibly wide range of topics for individuals as well as for local businesses and will continue to adjust its offerings based on the needs of the community.

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Jeremiah Riordon, Associate Vice President of Lifelong Learning and Workforce Developement

Feature

Flexible Course Options to Suit Every Interest

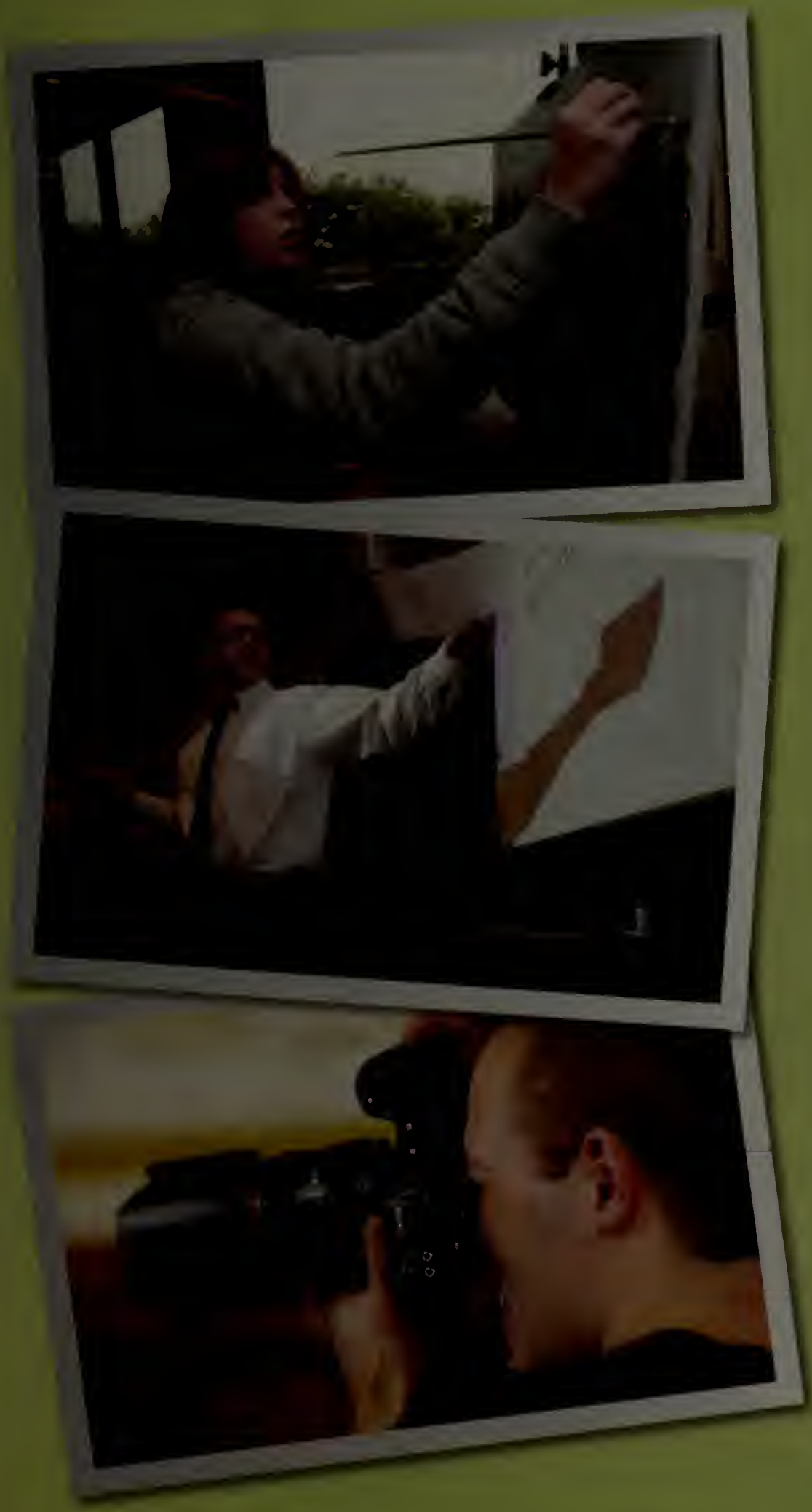
Mount Wachusett Community College offers a wide variety of courses in many study areas. You can choose from day, evening and online courses and attend campuses conveniently located in Gardner, Leominster and Devens, as well as a program-specific site in Fitchburg. Your options include:

Course Subject Areas	BURBANK	DEVENS	GARDNER	LEOMINSTER	WEB
Accounting		X	X	X	X
Anthropology			X		X
Art			X		
American Sign Language			X	X	
Automotive			X		
Broadcasting & Electronic Media			X		X
Biology		X	X	X	X
Biotechnology/Biomanufacturing		X			
Business			X	X	X
Cooperative Education			X		
Computer Graphic Design			X		X
Complementary Health Care		X	X	X	
Chemistry		X	X		
Computer Information System		X	X	X	X
Criminal Justice			X	X	X
Clinical Lab Science			X		
Dental Assisting	X				
Dental Hygiene	X				
Earth Science			X		
Early Childhood Education			X		
Economics			X	X	X
Education			X		
Electronic Engineer Tech					
Energy Management		X	X		X
English		X	X	X	X
English as a Second Lanuague				X	
Environmental Science			X		X
Fitness Leadership & Exercise Science			X		
Finance			X		X
French			X		
Fire Science Technology			X		X

Course Subject Areas	BURBANK	DEVENS	GARDNER	LEOMINSTER	WEB
First Year Experience		X	X	X	X
Geography			X		X
Health Care			X		
Health Sciences		X	X	X	
History		X	X	X	X
Human Services			X	X	X
Humanities		X	X	X	X
Interdisciplinary Studies			X		X
Medical Assisting		X	X		X
Mathematics		X	X	X	X
Management		X	X	X	X
Marketing			X	X	X
Music			X	X	X
Natural Resources			X		
Nursing		X	X		X
Physical Education		X	X	X	X
Philosophy			X		X
Photography			X		X
Physics			X		
Phlebotomy			X		
Paralegal			X	X	X
Plastics Technology					
Political Science			X	X	X
Psychology		X	X	X	X
Plastics Technology					
Physical Therapy Assistant		X	X		
Reading			X	X	X
Sociology		X	X	X	X
Spanish		X	X	X	X
Theatre		X	X	X	X

MWCC Favorites

With so many courses to choose from, there is something for everyone at MWCC. Here is a sampling of some courses popular with students.



Course Title
Introduction to Painting
Introduction to Studio
Music Recording & Mixing Techniques
Introduction to Nutrition
The Biology of Cancer
Intro to Greenhouse Management
Customer Relations
Designing Business Graphics
PC Maintenance
American Policing
Energy Analysis & Auditing
Film Appreciation
History of New England
Medical Coding & Billing
Intro to Digital Photography
Litigation
Marriage & Family
Spanish for Health Care Professionals
Fundamentals of Acting

Sign up for any of these courses by calling Admissions: 877-324-6815.

Alumni Spotlight

MWCC alumni are everywhere – working and doing great things in the community and for the community. We caught up with a few of them to hear what they are doing and what MWCC meant to them.

Joana Dos Santos

- Executive Director, United Neighbors of Fitchburg/Cleghorn Neighborhood Center
- MWCC, Class of 2007, associate degree in Business Administration
- Fitchburg State University, Bachelor's degree in Interdisciplinary Studies and current graduate student

A native of Uruguay, Joana Dos Santos became part of the MWCC community even before starting her freshman year. As a student at Fitchburg High School, she participated in the college's GEAR UP Program (Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs). After earning her high school diploma, she enrolled at MWCC, where she served as president of the Alpha Beta Gamma business honor society, on the Student Government Association and also was inducted into the Phi Theta Kappa honor society, all while remaining active in community service.

"At MWCC, you really feel that there is an entire community cheering you on, making sure that you get the degree that you are working for so hard, and that you continue working toward bigger and better things," she says. "The student life and the flexibility were great, too! I had the chance to become involved and really have an impact in my community by participating in different clubs and student life activities," she says.

"MWCC is a great place to start your academic studies, especially if you are trying to figure out your career path. The faculty and staff are really supportive, you get one-on-one support, gain great academic and leadership skills, and the opportunity to gain real-life experience by doing civic learning projects in the community. Thanks to the opportunities that MWCC gave me, I am where I am today."

Reverend Susan Suchocki Brown

Parish Minister, First Church Unitarian Universalist of Leominster

- MWCC graduate 1977, associate degree in Human Services; bachelor's degree from UMass Amherst; master's and doctorate degrees from Andover Newton Theological School
- Reflections about MWCC: "MWCC stretched me, supported me, sustained me and cared about me and my future and it still does."

Mayor Mark Hawke

Mayor, City of Gardner

- MWCC graduate 1993, associate degree in General Studies; bachelor's degree from UMass Amherst; MBA from Anna Maria College
- Reflections about MWCC: "The small class sizes and caring faculty allowed me to get a lot more out of my time at The Mount. The professors knew me by name and really wanted every student to succeed."

Chief Kevin Roy

Fire Chief, City of Fitchburg

- MWCC graduate 1986, associate degree in Fire Science Technology
- Reflections about MWCC: "My time attending Mount Wachusett Community College was a very enjoyable experience, from the faculty, to the students, to the overall atmosphere. The availability of night courses allowed me to continue working full-time and spend time with my children."

Chief Salvatore Albert

Chief of Police, Town of Westminster

- MWCC graduate 1993, associate degree in Criminal Justice; bachelor's and master's degrees from Anna Maria College; FBI National Academy
- Reflections about MWCC: "I feel that MWCC gave me not only the degree, but the passion to perform my job to the best of my abilities."

Sean E. McCauley, D.C.

Chiropractor, McCauley Chiropractic

- MWCC graduate 1996, associate degree in Liberal Arts; bachelor's degree from Excelsior College; Doctor of Chiropractic from New York Chiropractic College
- Reflections about MWCC: "MWCC was a good fit for me as an adult student who wanted more education to get back into the workforce."

Joseph Ruth III

Senior Vice President – Operations & Finance, Rollstone Bank & Trust

- MWCC graduate 1975, associate degree in Business Administration; bachelor's degree from Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts; MBA from Western New England College
- Reflections about MWCC: "Mount Wachusett Community College helped me gain a new appreciation for how working hard in school would prepare me for a career in the business world."

"I switched careers in less than two years."

Patrick Armstrong

After being laid off from his job, Patrick decided it was time for a career change and completed an associate degree in Biotechnology at MWCC's Devens Campus. After completing an internship, Patrick was hired by a local biotechnology firm.

I did it. You can too.

NONCREDIT COURSES

Need quick training to start a career or looking to take a class for fun?
MWCC has it all!

- Comedy
- Computers
- Crafts & Hobbies
- Photography
- Music
- Mind, Body & Spirit
- Test Preparation
- Website Development
- Green/Renewable Energy
- Medical Coding & Billing, Medical Transcription & Medical Editing

Download the full brochure!
mwcc.edu/continuing or call 978-630-9525

Start near. Go far.

Discover the many educational opportunities that Mount Wachusett Community College has to help you achieve your dreams. Whether you are a first time student, seeking skills for a second career, looking to transfer credits, or want to attain an education without breaking the bank—MWCC is for you. With over 45 degree and certificate programs, as well as over 100 online course options, you just can't go wrong. And did we mention affordability? There is no better educational value in the area for such a low cost and with such flexibility.

Associate Degrees

Accounting Concentration*
Allied Health Concentration*
Art—Professional
Art—Traditional Program
Audio Engineering Concentration*
Automotive Technology
Automotive Technology—General Motors
Biotechnology/Biomanufacturing
Broadcasting & Electronic Media
Business Administration—Career
Business Administration—Transfer
Clinical Laboratory Science
Communications Track*
Complementary Health Care
Computer Graphic Design—Print
Computer Graphic Design—Web Design
Computer Information Systems
Criminal Justice—Corrections Concentration*
Criminal Justice— Law Enforcement Concentration*
Dental Hygiene
Early Childhood Education—Career
Early Childhood Education—Transfer
Elementary Education Track*
Energy Management
Fire Science Technology
Fitness Leadership & Exercise Science Track*
General Studies
History & Political Science Track*
Human Services
Liberal Arts & Sciences
Manufacturing Technology—Plastics
Medical Assisting
Natural Resources
Nursing
Paralegal Studies
Photography Concentration*
Physical Therapist Assistant
Pre-Engineering Track*
Theatre Arts Track*
Video/Film Concentration*
Yoga Teacher Training Concentration*

Certificate Programs

Accounting
Allied Health
Automotive Technology
Biotechnology/Biomanufacturing
Business Administration
Complementary Health Care
Computer Graphic Design—Print
Computer Graphic Design—Web Design
Dental Assisting
Energy Management
Human Service Technician
IT Support Specialist
Law Enforcement
Medical Coding & Billing
Medical Office
Office Assistant
Paralegal
Practical Nurse
Professional Photography
Small Business Management

Other Options

3+1 Baccalaureate Degree Completion Option
Emergency Medical Technician Certificate of Completion
English as a Second Language Courses
Honors Program
Nurse Assistant Courses
Phlebotomy Certificate of Completion
Radiologic Technologist Articulation Agreement

* Denotes a concentration of an associate degree

MWCC Campus Locations & Hours

Gardner
444 Green Street, Gardner, MA 01440

Hours: Mon - Thu, 8 AM - 6 PM.; Fri, 8 AM - 4 PM
Phone: 877-324-6815
Email: admissions@mwcc.edu

Leominster
100 Erdman Way, Leominster, MA 01453

Hours: Mon - Thu, 8:30 AM - 7 PM; Fri, 8:30 AM - 4 PM
Phone: 978-630-9810
Email: leominster@mwcc.mass.edu

Devens
One Jackson Place, 27 Jackson Road, Devens, MA 01434

Hours: Mon - Thu, 8:30 AM - 7 PM; Fri, 8 AM - 4 PM
Phone: 978-630-9569
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